



*Annual Report
of the Town and Town
School District*

STRAFFORD - VERMONT

January 1, 1951, to December 31, 1951



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WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING

(As Anticipated Jan. 23, 1952)

The legal voters of the Town of Strafford are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town House in Strafford on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 1952, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles:

- Art. 1. To elect a Moderator.
- Art. 2. To elect a Town Clerk.
- Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the Auditors.
- Art. 4. To vote upon the question: Shall the Selectmen be empowered to appoint one or two Road Commissioners, or shall one or two Road Commissioners be elected by ballot.
- Art. 5. To elect all other necessary officers.
- Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the Public Laws relating to the collection of taxes by its Treasurer, together with the time of payment of the same, and the rate of discount and fee for collection allowed.
- Art. 7. To see how much money the Town will raise to support the poor, defray ordinary expenses and bridge and highway expenses, under the direction of the Selectmen.
- Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise for the maintenance of back roads or unselected roads.
- Art. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise for selected highways.
- Art. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise for patrol and resurfacing to take advantage of the State Aid laws.
- Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money during the year when necessary to properly conduct the business of the Town.

WARNING — (Continued)

- Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Auditors of the Town to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the State Auditor, as provided for in No. 55 of the Acts of 1937, to conduct an audit of the accounts of the Town.
- Art. 13. To vote on the following questions:
Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this Town?
Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this Town?
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the support of the Strafford Firemen's Association, and if so, how much.
- Art. 15. To transact any other legal business.

FRANK BROWN,
FRANK T. COBURN,
GEORGE K. BROWN,
Selectmen.

WARNING FOR TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
(As Anticipated Jan. 23, 1952)

The legal voters of the Strafford Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town House in Strafford on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 1952, at 1:00 P. M. to transact the following business:

- Art. 1. To elect one School Director for three years.
To elect one School Director for two years.
- Art. 2. To see how much money the Town School District will vote to defray the expenses of its schools.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town School District will vote to authorize its School Directors to borrow money during the year when necessary to properly conduct the business of the District.
- Art. 4. To transact any other legal business.

RALPH R. STEVENS,
JEAN N. CONKLIN,
STANLEY R. KENDALL,
School Directors.

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator George I. Varney

Clerk and Treasurer L. Irene Chandler

Selectmen:

Frank Brown, Frank T. Coburn, George K. Brown

Road Commissioner James L. Hayes

Permanent Highway Commissioner Frank Brown

Overseer of Poor Homer H. Kendall

Town Grand Juror F. L. Lewis

Constable Homer H. Kendall

Listers:

Ralph R. Stevens, Kendall E. Jordan, Frank H. Brown

School Directors:

Ralph R. Stevens, Jean Conklin, Stanley R. Kendall

Auditors Donovan D. Preston, C. William Berghorn,
Robert H. Ordway

Trustees of Public Funds:

C. William Berghorn, Rosa B. Tyson, William B. Mobus

Agent to Deed Town Real Estate Chairman of Selectmen

Town Agent Delwin I. Preston

Appointive Officers

Pound Keeper Richard K. Prescott

Fence Viewers:

George K. Brown, Kendall E. Jordan, Delwin I. Preston

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber:

Ralph H. Perkins, Irving O. Pixley

Fire Warden (Appointed by State) Richard W. Root

Fire Chief (Elected by Firemen's Association):

William B. Mobus

AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with Section 3593, V. S. as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, and examined the accounts and records of town officers, and to the best of our knowledge the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the town as of December 31, 1951, and an accurate record of funds handled in the year then ended.

DONOVAN D. PRESTON,
C. WILLIAM BERGHORN,
ROBERT H. ORDWAY,
Auditors.

Report of the Town of Strafford, Vermont

GENERAL FUND

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Two-Year Period Ending December 31, 1951

Assets

	Dec. 31, 1951	Dec. 31, 1950
Unexpended Balances — Cash		
General Account	\$ 8,395.99	\$ 4,313.88
Permanent Highway Account	722.05	698.48
Town Highway Account	—	7.33
Community Building Account	51.44	44.43
Library Account	16.94	—
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	\$ 9,186.42	\$ 5,064.12
Delinquent Taxes — Constable	2,226.08	1,989.27
Overdraft in Library Account	—	2.31
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	\$ 11,412.50	\$ 7,055.70

Liabilities

Notes Outstanding	\$20,225.00	\$20,225.00
Community Building Unexpended Income	51.44	44.43
Library Account Unexpended In- come	16.94	—
Overseer's Order, No. 65	—	10.00
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	\$ 20,293.38	\$ 20,279.43
 Deficit	 \$ 8,880.88	 \$ 13,223.73
 Decrease in Deficit	 \$ 4,342.85	

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED — 1951

Taxes Levied:

Real Estate — \$410,960.00 at 1%	\$ 4,109.60
Personal Property — \$68,398.00 at 1%	683.98
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Total General Property	\$ 4,793.58
Poll Taxes — 302 at \$1	302.00
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	\$ 5,095.58

Taxes Billed:

General Property — \$4,793.58 at \$6.50	\$31,158.28
Polls — 302 at \$6.50	1,963.00
Old Age Assistance — 302 at \$2.50	755.00
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Total Taxes Billed	\$ 33,876.28

Accounted for As Follows:

Collections:

General Property	\$28,792.19	
Polls and Old Age Assist- ance (273)	2,386.02	
	<hr/>	\$31,178.21

Discounts:

General Property	\$ 1,199.67	
Polls (273)	70.98	
	<hr/>	1,270.65

Delinquents:

General Property	\$ 1,095.06	
Polls (29)	261.00	
	<hr/>	1,356.06

Exemptions, Property Tax (1)	71.50
Fractional Differences	-.14
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\$ 33,876.28

TAXES VOTED AND DISTRIBUTION OF COLLECTIONS

Account	Rate	Voted
General:		
Town	\$ 1.75	\$ 8,917.27
Firemen's Association	.10	509.56
Tractor Deficit	.40	2,038.23
Bridge Account — Sect. 5149 V. S.	.10	509.56
Highway:		
Town Highway	.45	2,293.01
Permanent Highway	.45	2,293.01
School	3.25	16,560.64
Old Age Assistance	2.50	755.00
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	\$ 9.00	\$ 33,876.28

TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

1951

	General Fund	School Fund
Cash on hand and in Bank,		
Unexpended Balances, Dec. 31, 1950:		
General Account	\$ 4,313.88	
Town Highway Account	7.33	
Permanent Highway Account	698.48	
Community Building Account	44.43	
	<hr/> \$ 5,064.12	
School Account		\$ 6,682.48
RECEIPTS:		
Taxes:		
Current	14,617.57	16,560.64
Delinquent	1,058.92	
State of Vermont:		
Highway:		
Back Roads	\$ 5,239.53	
Bridge Repair	81.12	
Permanent Highway	9,280.05	
State Road	3,605.54	
Town Highway	460.00	
Winter Maintenance	2,139.00	
	<hr/> 20,805.24	
Borrowings:		
Barrett Memorial Hall Trustees	\$12,000.00	
Montpelier Sav. Bank & Trust Co.	10,000.00	
Morrill Mem. Library Trustees	3,600.00	
Newton Fund Trustees	4,000.00	
Ross, Mabel G.	625.00	
	<hr/> 30,225.00	
First National Bank, White River Junction		8,000.00
Department of Social Welfare—Vt.	390.00	
Dog Licenses	267.50	
Education, State Aid		10,068.75

TREASURER'S REPORT — (Continued)

		General Fund	School Fund
Forest Fire Fighting — Vermont		54.30	
Hedgehog Bounties — Vermont		315.00	
Lease Land Rent			79.22
Local Welfare:			
Cole, George	\$ 157.00		
Kendall, T. R.	91.38		
	<hr/>	248.38	
Materials Purchased:			
Brown, Ralph	\$ 15.00		
Bushway, C. F.	5.00		
Kendall, Stanley			5.39
Pixley, Grover	8.00		
Swift, W. R.	25.00		
	<hr/>	53.00	
Newton Fund Trustees			400.00
Refund — Vt. Concrete Pipe Corp.			15.87
Rental of Road Equipment:			
Martin, Willard B.	\$ 168.00		
Rhodes, Norman	6.00		
Rothenberg, William	138.00		
State of Vermont	40.50		
Strafford School District	30.00		
Town of Thetford	56.00		
Vermont Copper Co.	206.17		
	<hr/>	644.67	
Scale Fees:			
Ward, Harold C.	\$ 4.85		
Varney, George I.	5.35		
	<hr/>	10.20	
School Hot Lunch Committee			116.71
Snow Plowing:			
Town of Thetford	\$ 15.00		
Town of Vershire	14.53		
	<hr/>	29.53	
Transferred Funds:			
Back Road Account	\$ 622.84		
Permanent Highway Account	1,532.00		
Tax Abatement	62.54		
Town Highway Account	278.47		
	<hr/>	2,495.85	

TREASURER'S REPORT — (Continued)

	General Fund	School Fund
Tuition:		
Norwich School District	\$ 345.00	
Sharon School District	115.00	
	<hr/>	460.00
U. S. Treasury — Morrill Bonds	110.00	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$76,389.28	\$42,389.06
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		\$118,778.34

DISBURSEMENTS:

Selectmen's Account (See Page 12)	\$ 40,229.14
Poor Account (See Page 22)	2,619.15
Back Road Account (See Page 17)	5,239.53
Winter Road Account (See Page 19)	3,908.46
Town Highway Account (See Page 18)	3,330.34
Permanent Highway Account (See Page 20)	11,695.49
Library Account (See Page 24)	180.75
School Fund	36,120.65
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	\$103,323.51

Unexpended Balances, Dec. 31, 1951:

General Account	\$ 8,395.99
Permanent Highway	722.05
Library Account	16.94
Community Building Account	51.44
School Fund	6,268.41
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	15,454.83
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	\$118,778.34

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

ANALYSIS OF DISBURSEMENTS

January 1, 1951, to December 31, 1951

1. TOWN OFFICERS' SERVICES:

Auditors (3)	\$	64.59	
Clerk		500.00	
Constable		62.54	
Health Officer		78.25	
Listers (3)		240.00	
Overseer of Poor		82.86	
Selectmen (3)		75.00	
Treasurer		355.98	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,459.22

2. ELECTION EXPENSE:

Town Meeting — Services	\$	22.00	
		<hr/>	22.00

3. TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:

Land Record Volume 28	\$	101.93	
Safe		1,063.30	
Supplies		54.45	
		<hr/>	1,219.68

4. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS:

Town House:

Clock — Care	\$	25.00	
— Motor Repair		14.04	
		<hr/>	\$ 39.04
Fuel		5.00	
Grading Grounds		10.00	
Mowing Common		53.00	
Repairs, Labor and Material		13.74	
Supplies		3.86	

Community Building:

Repairs, Labor and Material		20.49	
		<hr/>	145.13

5. INSURANCE:

Community Building	\$	37.44	
Garage, Snow Plow, Tractor		44.80	
Grader		88.70	
Town House		74.00	
Truck, Chevrolet		71.60	
		<hr/>	316.54

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT — (Continued)

6. PRINTING:			
Dog Kennel Permits	\$	1.00	
Tax Notices and Receipts		19.25	
Town Reports		198.92	
		<hr/>	219.17
7. TAXES:			
County Treasurer	\$	100.98	
State Treasurer — Old Age Assistance		679.50	
Vermont Agricultural Extension Service		156.81	
		<hr/>	937.29
8. INTEREST PAYMENTS:			
Barrett Memorial Hall Trustees	\$	360.00	
Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co.		94.44	
Morrill Memorial Library Fund, Trustees		108.00	
Newton Fund Trustees		120.00	
Ross, Mabel G.		18.75	
		<hr/>	701.19
9. INDEBTEDNESS PAYMENTS:			
Barrett Memorial Hall Trustees		\$12,000.00	
Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co.		10,000.00	
Morrill Memorial Library Fund Trustees		3,600.00	
Newton Fund Trustees		4,000.00	
Ross, Mabel G.		625.00	
		<hr/>	30,225.00
10. TELEPHONE AND ELECTRICITY:			
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.	\$	64.09	
Central Vermont Public Service Corp.		727.96	
		<hr/>	792.05
11. FIRE DEPARTMENT:			
Firemen (10)	\$	24.60	
Firemen's Association		509.56	
		<hr/>	534.16
12. GAS - OIL - MAINTENANCE:			
Road Equipment:			
Truck Repairs and Parts	\$	164.64	
Repairs - Labor		17.20	
		<hr/>	181.84
13. CIVILIAN DEFENSE:			
Observation Post — Materials	\$	66.18	
Telephone		30.00	
		<hr/>	96.18

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT — (Continued)

14. MISCELLANEOUS:

Care of Dump	\$ 117.00	
Counsel	22.00	
Physicians' Reports	18.75	
Porcupine Bounties	244.50	
Repairing Town Scales—Labor and Materials	23.82	
State Road Construction	2,906.42	
Tax Reimbursement	47.20	
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		3,379.69
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		\$40,229.14

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

1951 DISBURSEMENTS

Arnold Garage	\$ 96.09
Auditors (3)	64.59
Barrett Memorial Hall Trustees	12,360.00
Benjamin, George	17.20
Brick Store	9.49
Capital City Press	102.93
Capital Savings Bank & Trust Co.	2.82
Casellini - Venable Co.	3.43
Central Vermont Public Service Corp.	727.96
Constable	62.54
County Treasurer	100.98
Donahue, Peter and Delia	47.20
Election Officers (5)	22.00
Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Co.	71.60
Firemen (10)	24.60
Firemen's Association	509.56
Fulton Estate, H. H.	5.00
Haggett Press, The	198.92
Health Officer	78.25
Irwin Motors, Inc.	65.12
Kendall, H. H.	117.00
Kendall, Stanley	20.49

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT — (*Continued*)

Listers (3)	240.00
Martin, Willard B.	2,906.42
Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co.	10,094.44
Morrill Memorial Library Fund, Trustees	3,708.00
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.	94.09
Newton Fund, Trustees	4,120.00
Office Supply Co.	1.60
Overseer of Poor	82.86
Patrons & Farmers Co-op. Fire Insurance Co.	44.80
Perkins, Ralph	68.25
Physicians	18.75
Picknell, Clarence	10.00
Pixley, Grover	53.00
Porcupine Bounties	244.50
Ross, Mabel G.	643.75
Selectmen (3)	75.00
Sisco, B. N.	.87
Sleeper, Milo	225.14
State Treasurer	679.50
T. & L. Electric Co.	14.04
Thurber, E. W.	19.25
Town Clerk	549.16
Town Treasurer	355.98
Turner, E. W.	26.00
Tuttle Stationery Co.	1,063.30
Varney, George I.	3.86
Vermont Agricultural Extension Service	156.81
Wilson & Keyser	22.00
	<hr/> \$40,229.14

TOWN AGENT'S REPORT

I respectfully report there is no litigation pending for or against the Town of Strafford as of Dec. 31, 1951.

DELWIN I. PRESTON, Town Agent.

INTEREST BEARING ORDERS OUTSTANDING,

JANUARY 1, 1952

1951			
Mar. 1	J14	Mabel G. Ross	\$ 625.00
	J15	Newton Fund Trustees	4,000.00
	J16	Barrett Memorial Hall Fund Trustees	12,000.00
	J17	Morrill Memorial Library Fund Trustees	3,600.00
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			\$ 20,225.00

TOWN ENDOWMENTS

Selectmen, Trustees

James S. Morrill Fund (income to be used for Permanent Highway Purposes) invested in U. S. Government Bonds	\$ 3,300.00
James S. Morrill Fund (income to be used for Community Building) invested in U. S. Government Bonds	1,100.00
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	\$ 4,400.00

BACK ROADS ACCOUNT **ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES — 1951**

Labor:		
Coburn, F. T.	\$ 330.50	
Hayes, J. L.	380.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 711.00
Gravel:		
Hauling:		
Barnaby, F. L.	\$ 297.00	
Brooks, W. I.	480.15	
Kendall, Gile	452.10	
Prescott, R. K.	612.60	
Russell, Paul	204.60	
Russell, S. F.	89.10	
Whitney, W. B.	297.00	
	<hr/>	2,432.55
Purchase:		
Brooks, W. I.	\$ 212.20	
Stillman, Gracie I.	21.72	
Thetford, Town of	10.50	
	<hr/>	244.42
Culverts:		
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	\$ 420.17	
Vermont Concrete Pipe Corp.	139.35	
	<hr/>	559.52
Equipment Rental:		
Brooks, W. I., Shovel	\$ 450.00	
Martin, Willard, Shovel	54.00	
Smith, Wesley	20.00	
Strafford, Grader and Bulldozer	622.84	
	<hr/>	1,146.84
Gas, Oil and Repairs:		
Hartford Oil Co.	\$ 35.65	
Prescott, R. K.	19.90	
Root, Richard	33.44	
Sumner's Garage	13.02	
	<hr/>	102.01
Tools and Supplies:		
Gilman, Howard	\$ 2.00	
Varney, George I.	9.25	
Vermont Copper Co.	31.94	
	<hr/>	43.19
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		\$ 5,239.53

TOWN HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

James L. Hayes, Commissioner

REPORT AND ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES—1951

Receipts:

Unexpended Balance, 1950	\$	7.33
Taxpayers — 45c of Grand List		2,293.01
State of Vermont		460.00
Permanent Highway Account		332.00
Swift, W. R.		25.00
Rothenberg, William		138.00
Vermont Copper Co.		75.00
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	\$	3,330.34

Disbursements:

Labor:

Gomo, Elmer	\$	35.00	
Hayes, J. L.		875.00	
Hayes, Leon		249.10	
Hoyt, Philip		43.20	
Jones, T. L.		4.00	
Josler, J. N.		28.00	
Kendall, H. H.		207.20	
Moses, Gardner		192.60	
Swift, Clyde		7.20	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,641.30

Use of Equipment:

Road Equipment Account	\$	203.47	
Grader — General Account		75.00	
		<hr/>	278.47
Truck Registration			10.00

Repairs and Parts:

Arnold's Garage	\$	119.35	
Casellini - Venable Co.		2.39	
Hill, Martin Corp.		21.62	
Varney, George I.		20.27	
		<hr/>	163.63

Oil, Gas, Grease:

American Lubricants Co.	\$	100.65
Brick Store		3.00

TOWN HIGHWAY ACCOUNT — (Continued)

Hartford Oil Co.	122.67	
Root, Richard	42.07	
Tracy's Garage	4.00	
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		272.39
Hauling Gravel:		
Brooks, W. I.	\$ 498.90	
Kendall, Gile	29.70	
Kennedy, M. F.	29.70	
Manning, S. B.	43.25	
Orr, Don	56.10	
Prescott, R. K.	306.90	
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		964.55
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		\$ 3,330.34

WINTER ROAD ACCOUNT

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES — 1951

Labor:

Coburn, F. L.	\$ 66.00	
Hayes, J. L.	939.00	
Hayes, Leon	112.00	
Olsen, Walter	11.20	
Swift, Clyde	4.00	
		<hr/>
		\$ 1,132.20

Plowing and Sanding:

Clogston, Vernon A.	\$ 7.00	
Kendall, Gile	307.85	
Prescott, R. K.	463.50	
Stone, Merrill	10.00	
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		788.35

Sand, Hauling and Purchase:

Brooks, W. I.	\$ 171.70	
Colonial Sand Co.	44.45	
Kendall, Gile	100.35	
Prescott, R. K.	93.95	
Tunbridge, Town of	50.40	
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		460.85

WINTER ROAD ACCOUNT — (Continued)

Gas, Oil, Antifreeze:			
Hartford Oil Co.	\$	42.20	
Prescott, R. K.		150.39	
Root, Richard		89.39	
		<hr/>	281.98
Salt:			
International Salt Co.			664.99
Repairs and Parts:			
Arnold's Garage	\$	13.19	
Benjamin, George		26.50	
Casellini - Venable Corp.		228.46	
Colby, E. H.		15.20	
Harrington, Howard		27.60	
Kennedy's Garage		32.82	
Montgomery, Ward Co.		74.44	
Spencer, Ivan		15.45	
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co.		1.40	
Union Steel Co.		145.03	
		<hr/>	580.09
			<hr/>
			\$ 3,908.46

PERMANENT HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

Frank Brown, Commissioner

REPORT AND ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES—1951

Receipts:

Unexpended Balance, 1950	\$	698.48
Taxpayers, 45c on Grand List		2,293.01
State of Vermont		9,280.05
U. S. Treasury, Interest, Morrill Bonds		82.50

Material:

Brown, Ralph	\$	15.00	
Pixley, Grover		8.00	
		<hr/>	23.00

Rental of Road Equipment — Vermont		40.50
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\$ 12,417.54

PERMANENT HIGHWAY ACCOUNT — (Continued)

Disbursements:

Labor and Supervision:

Brown, Frank	\$ 387.00
Hayes, J. L.	299.00
Hayes, Leon	30.60
Kendall, H. H.	28.80
Moses, Gardner	76.95
Pixley, Sidney	8.10

830.45

State Aid Patrol — Vermont

1,014.05

Use of Equipment — Strafford

1,200.00

State Labor and Equipment

706.82

Town Highway Account:

Resurfacing	\$ 230.00
Fuel Oil, Grease and Blade	102.00

332.00

Material Purchase and Hand- ling: Gravel, Sand, Peastone:

Brooks, W. I.	\$ 1,162.20
Coburn, Carroll	35.10
Colonial Sand & Gravel Co.	638.28
Kendall, Gile	427.35
Kennedy, M. F.	386.10
Manning & Son	48.75
Orr, Don	452.70
Prescott, R. K.	1,067.55
Smith, Wesley	719.77

4,937.80

Culverts:

N. E. Metal Culvert Co.

215.71

Guard Rails:

State of Vermont

9.10

Asphalt:

Socony Vacuum Oil Co.

2,034.95

Tarvia:

The Barrett Division

394.85

Gas, Oil, Supplies:

Prescott, R. K.

\$ 5.95

Varney, George I.

13.81

19.76

Balance

\$ 11,695.49

\$ 722.05

POOR ACCOUNT

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES — 1951

Cost for 13 Beneficiaries Accounted for as Follows:

Clothing:

Shapiro's Dept. Store	\$	18.55	
Hayward, Mrs. Jennie M.		24.97	
			\$ 43.52

Department of Social Welfare 657.93

Fuel and Light:

Gould's Oil Service 204.69

Hospital and Surgical:

Hitchcock Memorial Hospi- tal	110.43	
Town of Sharon	118.05	
		228.48

Medical and Dentist:

Cusson, Dr. Charles J.	\$	60.00	
Dearing, Dr. D. E.		30.00	
Elliott, Dr. W. T.		4.00	
Garipay, Dr. Stanley L.		5.00	
Hall Drug Co.		6.75	
Hitchcock Clinic		21.00	
Jones, Dr. R. Leslie		3.00	
Lyme Medical Associates		38.00	
Putnam, Dr. William F.		47.00	
Town of Hartford		1.67	
Tucker, Dr. O. A.		8.00	
			224.42

Rent:

Pixley, Russell 130.00

Room and Board:

Cameron, Mrs. William J.	\$	795.00	
Hayward, Mrs. Jennie M.		271.95	
Thurston, Mrs. Frank		40.00	
Whitcomb, Mrs. Will		10.46	
			1,117.41

\$ 2,606.45

Probate Court

12.70

\$ 2,619.15

POOR ACCOUNT — (Continued)

Reimbursements:

Department of Social Welfare	\$ 390.00	
Cole, George	157.00	
Kendall, T. R.	91.38	
	<hr/>	638.38

Net Cost		<hr/>	\$ 1,980.77
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1951 LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Selectmen, Trustees

Receipts:

Appropriations	\$	200.00	
Less Overdraft		2.31	
		<hr/>	\$ 197.69

Disbursements:

Crowell-Collier Co., Companion, 30 mos.	\$	4.00
Doubleday Book Co., 2 books		2.15
Jordan Marsh Co., 8 books		16.00
Librarian, Olive M. Lewis, ser- vices		100.00
Libro Bindery Co., repair books		4.20
Life Magazine, 1 yr. subscrip- tion		4.00
Literary Guild of America, 2 books		4.00
Mary J. O'Neal, 1 book		2.12
National Geographic, 1 yr. sub- scription		5.00
National Survey		3.50
News Week, 3 yrs. subscription		10.00
N. H. Profiles, 1 yr. subscription		3.00

Supplies:

Demco Library Supplies	\$	5.73	
Remington Rand Co.		11.80	
		<hr/>	17.53
Thetford Academy Magazine, 2 yrs. subscription		4.00	
Vermont Life, 1 yr. subscrip- tion		1.25	
		<hr/>	180.75
Balance	\$		16.94

COMMUNITY BUILDING ACCOUNT — 1951

Cash on hand	\$ 44.43
Interest — Morrill Bonds	27.50
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	\$ 71.93
Disbursements:	
Repairs and Material	20.49
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Balance	\$ 51.44

ROAD EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT — 1951

Receipts:

Norman H. Rhodes	\$ 6.00
Vermont Copper Co.	131.17
School Fund	30.00
Back Road Account	622.84
Permanent Highway Account	1,200.00
Town Highway Account	203.47
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	\$ 2,193.48

DOG ACCOUNT

Remember to license your dog ON or BEFORE April 1st.

10 dogs Kennel License	\$ 30.00
91 dogs at \$2.00	182.00
12 dogs at 6.00	72.00
4 dogs at 3.00 (Paid after April 1st)	12.00
1 dog at 1.00 (Paid after Oct. 1st)	1.00
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Amount Received	\$ 297.00
118 fees at 25c	29.50
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Credited to the General Account	\$ 267.50

Respectfully submitted,

L. IRENE CHANDLER,
Town Clerk.

1951 REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

NEWTON FUND

Receipts

1951

	Check Book Balance	—	
	Dec. 31, 1950	\$	807.32
	Interstate Trust Co.	—	
	Dec. 31, 1950		284.66
			<u>\$ 1,091.98</u>
Jan. 1	U. S. Treasury		37.50
Jun. 1	U. S. Treasury		62.50
Jul. 1	U. S. Treasury		37.50
Nov. 20	Scarsdale, N. Y.		45.00
Dec. 3	U. S. Treasury		62.50
29	Town of Strafford, Inter- est on note		120.00
31	Scarsdale, N. Y.		45.00
			<u>410.00</u>
			<u>\$ 1,501.98</u>

Disbursements

Feb. 1	Credited in error by Bank	\$	2.50
10	Town of Strafford	—	
	Newton School		400.00
Aug.	First National Bank	—	
	Safe Deposit Box		4.80
Dec. 27	Robert H. Ordway — care Newton Lot		10.00
			<u>\$ 417.30</u>

Balance

			<u>\$ 1,084.68</u>
Check Book Balance, Dec. 31, 1951	\$	800.02	
Interstate Trust Co., Balance		284.66	
			<u>\$ 1,084.68</u>

Investments

U. S. Government Bonds, 2½%	\$	8,000.00
Scarsdale, N. Y., School District, 4½% Bonds, due 1969		2,000.00
Town of Strafford, 3% Note		4,000.00
		<u>\$ 14,000.00</u>

WM. B. MOBUS, ROSA TYSON, C. W. BERGHORN, Trustees.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Montpelier, Vermont

This is our sixteenth annual report to the citizens of the Town of Strafford, on State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1951.

The total number of recipients in the State has declined, but expenditures are larger by reason of increases in the legal monthly maximums authorized by the 1951 Legislature. Funds for the support of these programs were derived from the Federal Government 57.5%, State Government 37.6% and Town or City 4.9%. Total administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance were 4.2% and for all programs and services 6.5%, giving Vermont top ranking in the nation for low cost. In Vermont one in six persons over sixty-five receive Old Age Assistance and one in fifty children under the age of eighteen receive Aid to Dependent Children.

None of the assistance programs are pensions. They are paid on the basis of need and in accordance with policies and procedures established under law. Children and parents, in proportion to their ability, have legal as well as moral obligations under the Statutes.

Old Age Assistance	\$ 6,272.00
Aid to the Blind00
Aid to Dependent Children	648.00
Adult Crippled Aid and Aid to the Totally and Permanently disabled	739.00
Committed Children	1,130.23
TOTAL	\$ 8,789.23

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON.

Commissioner.

DELINQUENT TAX LIST, JAN. 1, 1952

1944		
Ward, Harry H. & Mary	\$	78.86
1945		
Manning, Alford	\$	4.63
Ward, Harry H. & Mary		62.13
Wilcox, Roy M.		11.25
		<hr/> 78.01
1946		
Manning, Alford	\$	10.28
Pixley, Grover		14.70
		<hr/> 24.98
1947		
Manning, Alford	\$	6.70
Manning, Alice G.		6.70
Manning, Alford & Alice		12.29
Moses, Gardner N.		27.61
		<hr/> 53.30
1948		
Durkee, John E.	\$	3.50
Moses, Gardner N.		59.74
Pixley, Clifford E.		1.49
Race, Wendell R. & Ada C.		20.18
		<hr/> 84.91
1949		
Hoyt, Philip H.	\$	8.80
Manning, Alford		36.35
Manning, Alice G.		8.80
Messier, Jesse J.		25.05
Moses, Gardner N.		43.36
Pixley, Alice		8.80
Pixley, Grover		8.80
Race, Wendell R. & A. C.		18.80
Stender, William G. Est.		6.30
		<hr/> 165.06
1950		
Hosmer, R. E. & M. M.	\$	38.80
Hoyt, Philip H.		138.54
Jamieson, B. & G.'s Est.		28.18

DELINQUENT TAX LIST — (Continued)

Kendall, T. R. & B. M.	177.99	
Manning, Alford D. & A. G.	48.18	
Moses, Gardner N.	62.86	
Pixley, Alice	8.80	
Pixley, Grover	8.80	
Race, W. R. & A. C.	23.49	
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		535.64

1951

Ashley, Harold C. Est.	\$ 41.00	
Bennett, Earl H.	9.05	
Boardman, Herbert N.	6.55	
Clark, Betty E.	9.05	
Clark, Walter	9.05	
Dezan, Maurice J.	19.55	
Donahue, Peter & Delia	43.83	
Ellis, Delmar	9.05	
Hosmer, Mabel M.	9.05	
Hosmer, Ralph E.	9.05	
Hosmer, Ralph E. & M. M.	45.55	
Hoyt, P. H., M. C. Colby & E. B.		
Cummings	126.80	
Jamieson, Bessie & G. E.'s Est.	29.30	
Johnson, Grace M.	9.05	
Johnson, Robert	9.05	
Kendall, T. R. & Beda M.	169.31	
Lally, Lawrence	26.05	
Lavalette, Fedora	9.05	
Lavalette, Robert	9.05	
Leonard, Burton	4.05	
Leonard, Gladys	9.05	
Miner, Frank	9.05	
Moses, Gardner N.	71.55	
Pixley, Alice	9.05	
Pixley, Grover	9.05	
Race, Wendell R. & A. C.	19.55	
Shoemaker, S. B.	141.43	
Smith, Wesley	325.05	
Waite, Warren	9.05	
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		1,205.32
GRAND TOTAL		<hr/>
		\$ 2,226.08

CIVIL DEFENSE

The only effort made in Strafford during the past year in the way of Civil Defense was the formation of the Ground Observer Corps.

In November, 1950, a letter from Colonel Robert L. Gould, Director, Civil Defense, Stewart Air Base, Newburgh, N. Y., requested that an Observation Post be established here. To this end, the State Department of Civil Defense named C. William Berghorn, Civil Defense Director; George E. Bassingthwaight, District Supervisor; and Merton D. Partridge was appointed Chief Observer.

After consulting with the Selectmen, it was decided to set up such a post, and that the Town would pay the expense of a telephone rather than ask for the use of private phones.

The Post was set up on Route 132 near the Strafford-Sharon town line, and erected by volunteer labor, the Town paying for the material used by order of the Selectmen.

Our Post is named "Charlie Peter 35 Green" by Air Defense Headquarters, and has taken part in three different Test Exercises: April 14 and 15, June 23 and 24, and December 1, 1951. Twenty volunteers have reported a total of 37 planes, and have received high praise for the manner in which the reports have been handled.

At present there are 170 posts in the State of Vermont, manned by approximately 3,000 Air Spotters. Out of this total, 60% are operational and participated in Test Exercises on December 1. Defense Headquarters is now asking that this number be stepped up to at least 85% in 1952. Plans are being made for Training Teams from the Manchester, N. H., Filter Center to visit the different districts, and more frequent exercises are surely in the offing.

It is hoped that we will have many more volunteers for this vital Civil Defense activity this coming year. We should have at least 40 persons who are trained to send messages in case of emergency, and send them properly. The exact wording of the message is very important, since speed in placing calls is most essential.

All who wish to volunteer should get in touch with Mr. Partridge so that he can place you at a time which would cause you the least inconvenience. No one will be asked to serve more than two hours each test. Volunteers who have no means of transportation can be paired with those who have.

Let us prove that Strafford is 100% American!

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

During the past year 28 cases of measles, four cases of chickenpox, two cases of scarlet fever and one case of poliomyelitis were reported. In addition, during the early spring of 1951 we had an epidemic of influenza, 13 cases being reported by physicians. The latter part of the year has been unusually free from communicable diseases among the school children.

The condition of the schools in Town seems very satisfactory, the biggest improvement having been made in the water supply at the Newton School. Toilet and house supplies have been entirely separated. The toilet supply now comes from large cement tiles sunk below the brook level, and is pumped directly to the pressure tank, which in turn supplies the toilets. The house supply comes by gravity from a spring on the hillside, and that, also, has had a cleaning job done on it, and the old wood housing replaced by large cement tiles.

The School Board is to be congratulated upon making this much-needed improvement to further insure the general health of the school children.

GEORGE E. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE.

VITAL STATISTICS — 1951

Marriages

- Feb. 9 — Nicholas Jacob Josler, Strafford, and Beatrice Ceceile Nichols, Royalton, at Northfield.
May 12 — Roger H. Smith, Strafford, and Betty Jean Brown, Rochester, at Rutland.
June 10 — Thomas Ian Maclay, Strafford, and Shirley Ann Bond, Thetford, at Thetford.
Aug. 4 — (a) Wilfred Walter Gushea, Strafford, and Joan Joyce Bidwell, Windsor, at Lebanon, N. H.
Sept. 16 — Charles Hiram Brown, Strafford, and Geraldine Ann Gould, Thetford, at Thetford (Union Village).
Oct. 7 — Charles Morris Webster, Strafford, and Jean Grace Kennedy, Barre, at Barre.
Oct. 20 — George Moses Davis, Strafford, and Suzanne Amelia Pagac, Chelsea, at Thetford.
Oct. 27 — (c) Ernest Henry Fitzgerald, Sherburne, and Josephine Lucille Campbell, Strafford, at Burlington.
Nov. 22 — (b) Richard Gordon Chamberlin, Thetford, and June Rose Manning, Strafford, at Thetford (Union Village).
 (a) Reported from Lebanon, N. H.
 (b) Reported from Thetford, Vt.
 (c) Reported from Sherburne, Vt.

Births

- Jan. 27 — Betty Lou, daughter to Ralph E. and Mabel M. (Nelson) Hosmer.
Feb. 5 — (a) Carol Jean, daughter to Herbert Rollin and Betty Jane (Lawliss) Woodard.
Feb. 10 — (b) Geraldine Mae, daughter to Richard Leon and Josephine Marguerite (Lund) Rondo.
March 10 — Charles Harry, son to Ralph William and Marjorie Grace (Pero) Ward.
March 25 — Barbara Jean, daughter to Russell Gerald and Gladys May (Russell) Pixley.
April 3 — (a) Joe Robert, son to Elmer Ellsworth and Alice Nancy (Dunham) Tracy.
April 21 — (c) Dennis Wayne, son to Merton David and Virginia Mae (Varney) Partridge.
April 30 — Carol Frances, daughter to Chester Franklin and Mae Viola (Olsen) Bushway.

May 15 — (a) Thelma Jean, daughter to Leonard George and Dorothy Arlene (Baker) Johnson.
 July 6 — (c) Valerie Jean, daughter to Leon Henry and Charlotte Agnes (Wright) Hayes.
 Aug. 1 — Gary Galen Chadwick, son to James Charles and Myrtle Elaine (Ward) Durkee.
 Aug. 12 — (d) Paul Irving, son to Theodore Roosevelt and Beda May (Bent) Kendall.
 Aug. 13 — (a) Geraldine Ann, daughter to Arthur Frank and Rebecca Alice (Emerson) Eaton.
 Sept. 25 — (b) Patricia Ann, daughter to Stanley Leslie and Margaret Ruth (Russell) Wood.
 Sept. 29 — (c) Baby, son to William Bordeau and Lillian Louise (Jordan) Clifford.
 Dec. 30 — (b) Charles Wayne, son to Leroy Dexter and Bertha Christine (Sheriden) Hatfield.

- (a) Reported from Barre, Vt.
- (b) Reported from Lebanon, N. H.
- (c) Reported from Hanover, N. H.
- (d) Reported from Randolph, Vt.

Deaths

Jan. 8 — Charles Henry Russell, 67 years, 7 months, 18 days.
 June 14 — (a) Adelaide Liss Berghorn, 56 years, 6 months, 15 days.
 July 7 — (a) Edith Whitcomb Jewett, 66 years, 4 months, 28 days.
 Sept. 7 — Clio Hurlbut Kendall, 56 years, 3 months, 19 days.
 Oct. 4 — (a) Baby Boy Clifford, 4 days.
 Oct. 8 — (b) Addie Reynolds Sargent, 75 years, 4 months, 14 days.
 Oct. 15 — John Darling, 96 years, 6 months, 8 days.
 Nov. 11 — (a) Charles Ward, 82 years, 4 months, 4 days.
 Nov. 17 — (c) Felix Castagner, 85 years, 5 months, 10 days.
 Nov. 27 — Dora Alma Brown, 57 years, 11 months, 23 days.

- (a) Reported from Hanover, N. H.
- (b) Reported from Randolph, Vt.
- (c) Reported from Tunbridge, Vt.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

We submit herewith the School Directors' annual report to the voters of the Town in order that a more complete understanding of the needs and conditions of our schools may be had.

During the year past, we were all saddened by the untimely death of Miss Dora Brown, who had taught in Strafford so faithfully and so well for many years. We wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Maria Preston, who so graciously cooperated by teaching the first and second grades until a successor could be employed.

Hot Lunch programs were carried on in the Newton and Miller's Pond schools by the P. T. A. and the Community Club, respectively. We feel this is a most beneficial project and take this opportunity to recognize the contributions of time, talent and energy of the many persons who make this possible.

The following repairs have been made to our buildings during the year past:

1. A new ceiling has eliminated falling plaster in the first and second grade room at the Newton School. This room was also repainted.

2. The inside walls of Miller's Pond School were repainted and the woodshed was converted into a kitchen.

3. Repair work was done on the sewerage system at the Newton School to comply with State Board of Health regulations.

Among the needed repairs for another year are:

1. Painting the outside of Old City Falls School.

2. Replacing the worn cement steps at the back door of Newton School and building a shelter over them.

Provision for accomplishing these repairs is included in our proposed budget.

You will notice a sum in the report, "Capital Outlay." This is explained as follows:

1. It includes the purchase price of the Miller's Pond School bus.

2. The purchase of the new oil burner unit for the furnace in the Newton School.

3. Replacement of the wood stove at Miller's Pond with an oil-burning one. And,

4. The expense of extended work on the water system at the Newton School.

Need for an additional water supply had been indicated for some time. We now have a supply pumped from the brook (on the land of Mr. Louis Oliva) to take care of the flush toilets. The drinking water and that for use in the kitchen comes from one spring. This spring was tiled and covered to prevent surface water from contaminating the supply. This was necessary in order that our water supply be safe and pass the State Board of Health tests.

A gas-fired water heater was also installed in the basement of Newton School. The cost of this was shared equally by the Hot Lunch Committee of the P. T. A. and the School Board. Hot water greatly facilitates handling the lunch program.

We anticipate an increase in the cost of tuition for another year. Operating expenses and repair costs are continually rising. It will be necessary this year to either extensively repair or replace the bus which carries children from Strafford to the Newton School.

We recommend that a tax of \$3.45 be raised on the dollar of the Grand List for School purposes if we are to operate and maintain our schools on a balanced budget.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH STEVENS,
JEAN CONKLIN,
STANLEY KENDALL
School Directors.

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET — 1952

Superintendent		\$ 760.00
Teachers		12,000.00
Tuition — Elementary	\$ 500.00	
Secondary	5,600.00	
	<hr/>	6,100.00
Text Books		350.00
School Supplies		800.00
Janitors		800.00
Janitors' Supplies		200.00
Fuel		1,300.00
Light		246.00
Transportation		3,000.00
Repairs (Maintenance)		2,000.00
Directors		85.00
Insurance		450.00
Capital Outlay		1,000.00
Interest on Loans		450.00
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		\$29,541.00

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT — 1951

L. Irene Chandler, Treasurer

Receipts:

Unexpended Balance, 1950	\$ 6,682.48
First National Bank, White River Junction	8,000.00
State Treasurer, State Aid	10,068.75
Lease Land Rent	79.22
Stanley Kendall	5.39
Newton Fund Trustees	400.00
Refund, Vermont Concrete Pipe Corp.	15.87
School Hot Lunch Committee	116.71
Sharon School District Tuition	115.00
Norwich School District Tuition	345.00
Taxpayers	16,560.64
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	\$ 42,389.06

Disbursements:

School Directors	36,120.65
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Balance	\$ 6,268.41

South Strafford School Building 3% Interest Bearing

Orders Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1952

1946		
Aug. 16	David Poor Fund	\$ 632.00
	A. L. or Marguerite R. Sargent	790.00
	Universalist Church Society	790.00
	A. J. or Gertrude E. Colby	790.00
	R. E. or A. C. Robinson	790.00
Nov. 1	Grace B. Huntley	790.00
Dec. 16	Frank T. or M. B. Coburn	790.00
	Homer H. Kendall	790.00
	W. F. or Clara C. Campbell	790.00
	I. O. or Gladys B. Pixley	948.00
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		\$ 7,900.00

SCHOOL FUND

ANALYSIS OF DISBURSEMENTS — 1951

	Jan. 1, to Jun. 30, '51	July 1, to Dec. 31, '51	Total 1951
1. GENERAL CONTROL:			
Superintendent:			
A. C. Parker, salary	\$ 408.00	\$ 348.96	\$ 756.96
2. INSTRUCTION AND TUITION:			
Teachers' Salaries:			
Brown, Dora	\$ 1,031.51	\$ 685.80	\$ 1,717.31
Hunter, Converse	1,031.51	914.40	1,945.91
Johnson, Hattie	—	868.64	868.64
Pixley, Gladys	30.00	—	30.00
Preston, Maria	—	228.60	228.60
Reynolds, Vina	950.00	—	950.00
Ricker, Mabel	—	914.40	914.40
Rose, Winston	1,070.85	—	1,070.85
Stone, Helen	—	914.40	914.40
Stone, Joyce	1,085.85	914.40	2,000.25
Warnock, William	1,085.85	—	1,085.85
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	\$ 6,285.57	\$ 5,440.64	\$ 11,726.21
Tuition:			
Elementary:			
Town of Tunbridge	\$ —	\$ 345.00	\$ 345.00
Secondary:			
Bradford Academy	120.00	—	120.00
Hartford, Town of	87.50	237.87	325.37
Lyndon Institute	82.50	92.50	175.00
Royalton, Town of	225.00	—	225.00
Thetford Academy	1,800.00	1,603.42	3,403.42
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	\$ 2,315.00	\$ 2,278.79	\$ 4,593.79
Text Books:			
American Education Press	\$ 37.40	\$ —	\$ 37.40
Council for Children	4.75	—	4.75
Hale & Co., E. M.	—	15.60	15.60
Heath & Co., D. C.	—	2.68	2.68
Macmillan Co.	59.43	27.35	86.78
Scribners Sons, Charles	—	3.49	3.49
Silver Burdett Co.	17.09	101.87	118.96
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	\$ 118.67	\$ 150.99	\$ 269.66

	Jan. 1, to Jun. 30, '51	July 1, to Dec. 31, '51	Total 1951
Instructional Supplies:			
Allyn & Bacon, Publishers	\$ 4.69	\$ —	\$ 4.69
Dartmouth Co-op. Society, Inc.	—	9.80	9.80
Educational Supply Co.	—	8.74	8.74
Follett Publishing Co.	4.67	—	4.67
Grade Teacher	4.00	—	4.00
Hammett Co., J. L.	6.17	144.46	150.63
Macmillan Co.	184.90	—	184.90
Milton Bradley Co.	43.92	—	43.92
National Survey	.19	—	.19
Office Supply Center	7.29	3.97	11.26
Rose, Winston	10.47	—	10.47
White River Paper Co.	22.42	1.11	23.53
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	\$ 288.72	\$ 168.08	\$ 456.80

3. OPERATION OF PLANT:

Janitors — Wages:

Coburn, Carroll J.	\$ —	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Coburn, Mrs. Carroll	—	8.93	8.93
Coburn, Stuart	57.00	48.00	105.00
Doyle, Bernice	259.75	239.00	498.75
Doyle, J. H.	19.20	4.50	23.70
Kendall, Mrs. Stanley	—	8.93	8.93
Silloway, Earl	—	10.00	10.00
Stevens, Robert	57.00	48.00	105.00
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	\$ 392.95	\$ 370.36	\$ 763.31

Janitors' Supplies:

Brick Store	\$ 33.79	\$ 8.82	\$ 42.61
Varney, George I.	—	150.00	150.00
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	\$ 33.79	\$ 158.82	\$ 192.61

Fuel:

Cramer, R. H.	\$ —	\$ 63.73	\$ 63.73
Firemen's Association	71.96	37.31	109.27
Gould's Oil Service	97.83	29.58	127.41
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	635.74	330.50	966.24
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	\$ 805.53	\$ 461.12	\$ 1,266.65

	Jan. 1, to Jun. 30, '51	July 1, to Dec. 31, '51	Total 1951
Light, Power:			
Central Vermont Public Service Corp.	\$ 177.58	\$ 68.54	\$ 246.12

Transportation:

Bassingthwaighte, George	\$ 232.50	\$ 197.50	\$ 430.00
Josler, Jack	64.00	—	64.00
Lent, Isabel	24.00	—	24.00
Moses, Gardner	72.00	—	72.00
Pickett, William	—	216.00	216.00
Prescott, R. K.	22.00	—	22.00
Preston, Donovan	552.00	474.00	1,026.00
Robinson, Anabelle	16.00	—	16.00
Stevens, Ralph	12.00	—	12.00
Stone, Kenneth	262.84	92.00	354.84
Webb, Wendell	48.00	—	48.00
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	\$ 1,305.34	\$ 979.50	\$ 2,284.84

Bus Maintenance:

Gas, Oil, Antifreeze:			
Brick Store	\$ 31.99	\$ 20.60	\$ 52.59
Root, Richard	19.26	13.86	33.12
Varney, G. I.	—	30.00	30.00
Repairs, Labor and Material:			
Bassingthwaighte, George	—	20.85	20.85
Benjamin, George	40.70	186.95	227.65
Durkee's Garage	—	10.77	10.77
Palmer's Garage	—	.82	.82
Stone, Kenneth	7.53	—	7.53
Sumner Garage	101.72	180.97	282.69
Registration	20.00	—	20.00
Inspection	—	1.00	1.00
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	\$ 221.20	\$ 465.82	\$ 687.02

4. MAINTENANCE:

Repairs — Labor and Material:

Bassingthwaighte, George	\$ 32.53	\$ 11.75	\$ 44.28
Beckley Cardy Co.	—	58.24	58.24
Brown, Ralph	33.85	—	33.85
Coburn, Elwin	51.00	91.50	142.50

	Jan. 1, to Jun. 30, '51	July 1, to Dec. 31, '51	Total 1951
Coburn, Phillip	—	45.75	45.75
Cross, Reginald	—	7.00	7.00
Doyle, J. H.	8.40	12.50	20.90
Fellows Electric Service Co.	28.09	—	28.09
Highway Department, Gravel	—	30.00	30.00
Johnson & Sons, H. W.	—	8.30	8.30
Kendall, Stanley	—	4.50	4.50
Krivak, Frank	—	90.00	90.00
Millers Pond Community Club	35.98	—	35.98
Mitiguy, Robert	11.25	—	11.25
Sleeper, Milo L.	—	50.63	50.63
Silloway, Earl	—	3.50	3.50
Stevens, Ralph	—	86.00	86.00
Stone, Kenneth	—	150.50	150.50
Swift, Denzil	—	28.50	28.50
Trombly, Alfred	—	21.00	21.00
Trumbell, Nelson Co.	—	24.00	24.00
Turner, E. W.	104.50	109.75	211.25
Wilson, J. H.	13.20	—	13.20
Varney, George I.	—	513.53	513.53
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	\$ 315.80	\$ 1,346.95	\$ 1,662.75

5. FIXED CHARGES:

Services:

Brown, Ralph	\$ 25.00	\$ —	\$ 25.00
Conklin, Jean, and Census	20.00	9.72	29.72
Stevens, Ralph	25.00	—	25.00
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	\$ 70.00	\$ 9.72	\$ 79.72

Insurance:

Colby, Arthur	\$ —	\$ 119.00	\$ 119.00
Peet, Secretary, Edward H.	—	7.00	7.00
Rural Co-op. Fire Ins. Co.	25.00	—	25.00
Sleeper, Milo L.	27.44	242.72	270.16
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	\$ 52.44	\$ 368.72	\$ 421.16

6. CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Fellows Electric Service Co.:

Oil Burner	\$ 400.00	\$ —	\$ 400.00
Gorham Fire Equipment Co.:			
Desks	—	5.54	5.54

	Jan. 1, to Jun. 30, '51	July 1, to Dec. 31, '51	Total 1951
Hatch, R. H.:			
Stove	—	114.95	114.95
Hoyt, Lester F.:			
Water Heater	—	490.95	490.95
Prescott, R. K.:			
School Bus	645.95	—	645.95
Shepard Co.:			
Drinking Fountain and Express	60.81	—	60.81
Vermont Concrete Pipe Co.:			
Tile Pipe	—	186.90	186.90
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	\$ 1,106.76	\$ 798.34	\$ 1,905.10

7. DEBT SERVICE:

Loan Reduction:

Campbell, W. F. or Clara	\$ 40.00	\$ —	\$ 40.00
Coburn, Frank or M. B.	40.00	—	40.00
Colby, A. J. or G. E.	40.00	—	40.00
David Poor Fund	32.00	—	32.00
First National Bank, White			
River Junction	6,000.00	2,000.00	8,000.00
Huntley, Grace B.	40.00	—	40.00
Kendall, H. H.	40.00	—	40.00
Pixley, I. O. or Gladys	48.00	—	48.00
Robinson, R. C. or A. C.	40.00	—	40.00
Sargent, A. L. or M. R.	40.00	—	40.00
Universalist Church Society	40.00	—	40.00
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	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 8,400.00

Interest on Loans:

Campbell, W. F. or Clara	\$ 24.90	\$ —	\$ 24.90
Coburn, Frank or M. B.	24.90	—	24.90
Colby, A. J. or G. E.	24.90	—	24.90
David Poor Fund	19.92	—	19.92
First National Bank, White			
River Junction	52.50	95.00	147.50
Huntley, Grace B.	24.90	—	24.90
Kendall, H. H.	24.90	—	24.90
Pixley, I. O. or Gladys	29.88	—	29.88
Robinson, R. C. or A. C.	24.90	—	24.90
Sargent, A. L. or M. R.	24.90	—	24.90
Universalist Church Society	24.90	—	24.90
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	\$ 301.50	\$ 95.00	\$ 396.50

8. HEALTH AND MEDICAL:

	Jan. 1, to Jun. 30, '51	July 1, to Dec. 31, '51	Total 1951
Health Officer	\$ —	\$ 6.45	\$ 6.45
Lyme Medical Associates	5.00	—	5.00
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	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.45	\$ 11.45
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	\$20,603.85	\$15,516.80	\$36,120.65

SUMMARY

SCHOOL FUND DISBURSEMENTS — 1951

		Jan. 1, to Jun. 30, '51	July 1, to Dec. 31, '51	Total 1951
1. GENERAL CONTROL:	Total	\$ 408.00	\$ 348.96	\$ 756.96
2. INSTRUCTION AND TUITION:				
Teachers' Salaries		\$ 6,285.57	\$ 5,440.64	\$11,726.21
Tuition — Elementary		—	345.00	345.00
Secondary		2,315.00	1,933.79	4,248.79
Text Books		118.67	150.99	269.66
Instructional Supplies		288.72	168.08	456.80
	Total	\$ 9,007.96	\$ 8,038.50	\$17,046.46
3. OPERATION OF PLANT:				
Janitors' Wages		\$ 392.95	\$ 370.36	\$ 763.31
Janitors' Supplies		33.79	158.82	192.61
Fuel		805.53	461.12	1,266.65
Light and Power		177.58	68.54	246.12
Transportation		1,305.34	979.50	2,284.84
Bus Maintenance		221.20	465.82	687.02
	Total	\$ 2,936.39	\$ 2,504.16	\$ 5,440.55
4. MAINTENANCE:				
Repairs, Labor and Material	Total	\$ 315.80	\$ 1,346.95	\$ 1,662.75
5. FIXED CHARGES:				
Services		\$ 70.00	\$ 9.72	\$ 79.72
Insurance		52.44	368.72	421.16
	Total	\$ 122.44	\$ 378.44	\$ 500.88
6. CAPITAL OUTLAY:	Total	\$ 1,106.76	\$ 798.34	\$ 1,905.10
7. DEBT SERVICE:				
Loan Reduction		\$ 6,400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 8,400.00
Interest on Loans		301.50	95.00	396.50
	Total	\$ 6,701.50	\$ 2,095.00	\$ 8,796.50
8. HEALTH AND MEDICAL:	Total	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.45	\$ 11.45
		\$20,603.85	\$15,516.80	\$36,120.65

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of School Directors and Citizens of Strafford:

This report is for the school year ending June 30, 1951, and is a part of the report of the Board of School Directors required by law.

Two one-teacher schools and one four-teacher school were each maintained for thirty-five weeks. The average number of pupils enrolled was 132, and the average daily attendance was 115.03; five pupils with an average daily attendance of 4.52 were residents of other school districts. Three elementary and twenty-five high school pupils, residents of the Town, attended school outside the district. The average cost per pupil was, for elementary schools \$182.29, and for high school \$142.15. Fifty-four elementary school pupils were transported at an average cost of \$29.42 for the year.

The total number of different elementary school pupils enrolled was 135. One hundred twelve were promoted, seven were promoted conditionally, eight were not promoted, six were transferred to other schools, one was demoted one grade, and one dropped out of school. The percentage of attendance for the year was 92.97. The vision and hearing of all the pupils were tested by the teachers and physical examinations by doctor and dentist were given to twenty-three of them. Twelve were immunized against smallpox, diphtheria, and tetanus.

The school buildings of the Town have had excellent care and are in very good condition. All are comfortably heated by oil-burning equipment. The water supply system of the Newton School has been improved, and a lunch room with kitchen has been provided at Miller's Pond. School lunches have been prepared and served in a most efficient manner at the Newton School. Progress has been made in the modernization of text books by providing the most re-

cent series of geography books for the upper grades and the latest revised materials for reading in Grade One. This work should be continued by the purchase of new geography and history books downward and new reading materials upward in the grades.

I am grateful to the School Directors, parents, teachers, community organizations and townspeople for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

A. COURTNEY PARKER,
Superintendent of Schools.



